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WESTINGHOUSE SAVANNAH RIVER COMPANY INTRODUCES NEW SCIENCE CURRICULUM IN ALLENDALE

AIKEN, S.C., January 18, 2001 -- Science will soon take on a new and exciting meaning for students at Allendale Middle School. Westinghouse Savannah River Company, with funding from the Department of Energy, will provide instructional materials that will enhance the science curriculum.

“Issues, Evidence and You,” a comprehensive activity-driven curriculum, will be introduced during a workshop for Allendale Middle School science teachers and students on January 26, at 1 p.m. The session will include hands-on activities to highlight the benefits of the new standards-based curriculum.

“Issues, Evidence and You” was conceived and created by the Lawrence Hall of Science at the University of California at Berkeley as part of the Science Education for Public Understanding Program (SEPUP). It was recently recommended for statewide middle school adoption by the South Carolina Department of Education.

The SEPUP approach to science teaching involves activities, investigations, discussions, debates, themes and questions. Learners experience the reality of science and technology as they collect and process scientific evidence about issues of interest to them and their community.

As a result of these kinds of experiences, students begin to appreciate both the power and limitations of science, and to understand that science is a way of asking questions rather than a set of answers to be learned.

Since 1995, Westinghouse Savannah River Company has sponsored SEPUP Workshops and provided hands-on instructional materials for about 300 teachers throughout the Central Savannah River Area. For more information, contact Westinghouse Savannah River Company program coordinator, Happy Parker, 803-725-9014.

The media is invited to attend the January 26 workshop.

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